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TAMPA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced that JENNIFER LYNN CURRAN, a 30 year old resident of Tampa, pleaded guilty to bank fraud. The maximum penalty Curran faces is 30 years' imprisonment and a \$1million fine.

According to the plea agreement, between June 2006 and September 2007, Curran committed bank fraud against United Services Automobile Association ("USAA") Federal Savings Bank ("FSB"). Curran was involved in a modern check kiting scheme, using false deposits (including false wire transfers) to steal money from USAA bank. In total, Curran fraudulently deposited \$95,680.00, none of which constituted real deposits, and, from these false deposits, she was able to withdraw \$25,759.99 before her scheme to defraud was uncovered. Curran committed this bank fraud while on Florida state probation as a result of prior fraudulent charges.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas N. Palermo.